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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Aoyagi, J. et al.

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For: NOVEL ADSORBENT

Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Tran, Susan T.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8 and 10-13 as follows.

B1
1. (Amended) An adsorbent formed by coating an adsorption basis with a gel substance and subsequently subjecting the coated basis to a freezing treatment.

B2
6. (Twice Amended) An adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein said gel substance is the divalent metallic salt of a macromolecular polycarboxylic acid.

B3
8. (Twice Amended) An adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein said gel substance is soybean curd, jelly, konjak, agar, perilla, gelidium jelly, or chitosanoxalic acid salt gel.